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Strengthening of technical cooperation and consultative services in Guinea

The Human Rights Council,

Guided by the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other applicable human rights instruments,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006 and Human Rights Council resolutions 13/21 of 26 March 2010, 16/36 of 25 March 2011, 19/30 of 23 March 2012, 23/23 of 14 June 2013 and 25/35 of 28 March 2014,

Reaffirming that all States have an obligation to promote and protect the human rights and fundamental freedoms set forth in the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenants on Human Rights and other relevant human rights instruments to which they are parties,

Noting with satisfaction the efforts made by Guineans and the international community, in particular the African Union and the Economic Community of West African States, to establish democratic institutions and to strengthen the rule of law,

Welcoming the progress made by the Guinean authorities in guaranteeing freedom of opinion and expression,

Recalling the recommendations of the International Commission of Inquiry established by the Secretary-General and supported by the African Union and the Economic Community of West African States,

Recalling that it is the primary responsibility of the Government of Guinea to protect its population, to conduct inquiries into allegations of human rights violations and to bring perpetrators to justice,

1. *Recognizes* the efforts made by the Government of Guinea to strengthen the rule of law and improve the human rights situation in the country;

2. *Welcomes* the existence of the new Ministry of Human Rights and Civil Liberties and its constructive work and the mainstreaming of human rights in the reform of the security sector;

3. *Encourages* the Guinean authorities to mainstream human rights in all public policies;

4. *Calls upon* the Guinean authorities to pursue their efforts to guarantee freedom of peaceful assembly and association, including freedom of the media and the protection of journalists;

5. *Also calls upon* the Guinean authorities to make the justice, truth and reconciliation process operational;

6. *Firmly reiterates* its commitment to accession to power by democratic means and condemns all incitement to ethnic and/or racial hatred;

7. *Calls upon* the Government of Guinea to ensure that the elections to be held in 2015 take place within the specified time frame, in conditions of peace, transparency and security, and with full respect for human rights and democratic principles;

8. *Urges* all political stakeholders:

(a) To continue to take an active part in good faith in the political dialogue, particularly on issues regarding the organization of free, transparent, inclusive and peaceful elections;

(b) To prevent any act of violence that harms the democratization process under way and to refrain from committing such acts;

(c) To be actively involved in the national reconciliation process;

9. *Encourages* the Government of Guinea to make the national commission established in 2013 for the study and prevention of the problem of violence operational;

10. *Welcomes* the efforts by the Government of Guinea to undertake reforms in the security and defence sectors that incorporate respect for human rights and guarantee the enjoyment of civil and political rights and *calls upon* the Government of Guinea to continue human rights training for the security forces;

11. *Welcomes* the progress made with regard to the reform of the justice sector, including the establishment of the Supreme Council of Justice and the enhancement of judges' conditions of service;

12. *Encourages* the Government of Guinea to adopt and carry out reforms aimed at strengthening the administration of justice in order to combat impunity and consolidate respect for human rights;

13. *Calls upon* the Government of Guinea to ensure that the National Human Rights Institution that has been established is compliant with the Paris Principles;

14. *Encourages* the Government of Guinea to pursue its efforts to fight impunity, in particular the judicial proceedings initiated in connection with the violence allegedly committed by the security forces, notably in 2007 and 2013;

15. *Urges* the Government of Guinea to adopt the following supplementary measures:

(a) Support the work of the panel of judges appointed to investigate the events of 28 September 2009, and expedite judicial proceedings against those responsible for the violence, including the acts of sexual violence committed against women and girls;

(b) Guarantee the necessary means and security conditions for the panel of judges so that its members may effectively fulfil their mandate;

(c) Ensure the safety and protection of the witnesses and victims and provide them with appropriate redress and assistance, including in the form of medical and psychological support;

(d) Compensate the families of victims who lost their lives as a result of the events of 28 September 2009 and provide redress for the physical and psychological suffering inflicted upon those who were wounded;

16. *Takes note* of the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Guinea in 2014;[1]

17. *Firmly reiterates* its appeal to the international community:

(a) To provide the Government of Guinea with appropriate assistance to promote respect for human rights, the fight against impunity and the reform of the security and justice sectors, as well as the initiatives that are under way to promote truth, justice and national reconciliation;

(b) To support the efforts of the Government of Guinea to combat the Ebola virus and strengthen the resilience of its health-care system;

(c) To support the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Guinea;

(d) To support the Ministry of Human Rights and Civil Liberties in the implementation of its plan of action;

18. *Invites* the High Commissioner to report to the Human Rights Council at its thirty-first session on the situation of human rights and the work of the Office of the High Commissioner in Guinea;

19. *Decides* to remain seized of this matter.

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[Adopted without a vote.]

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[1] A/HRC/28/50.